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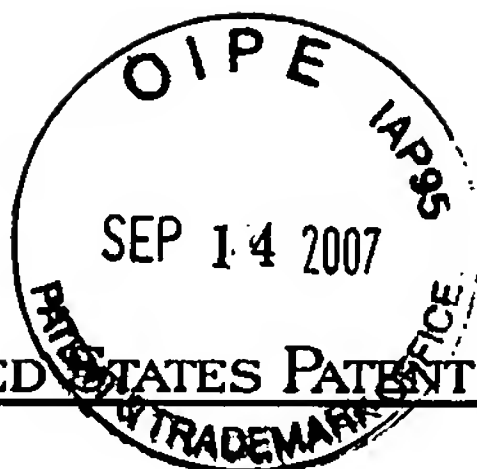
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Title

Reactor and Method for Anaerobic Wastewater Treatment

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We believe we are the original, first and sole inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

REACTOR AND METHOD FOR ANAEROBIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT

the specification of which
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☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on April 27, 2006 as US Patent Application No. 10/577,745.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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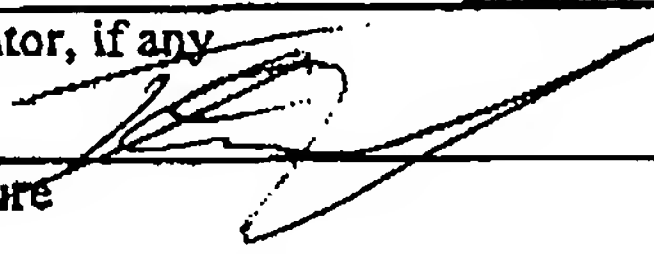
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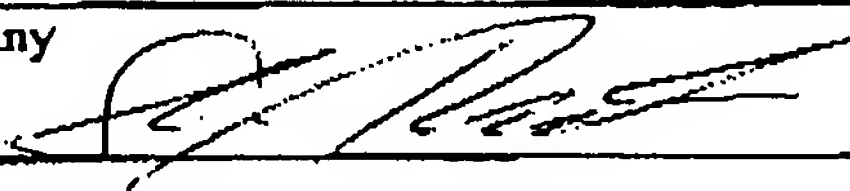
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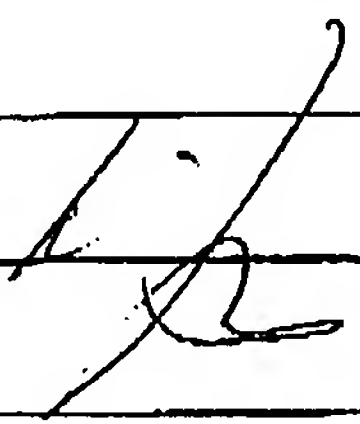
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